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VI. — *Register of New Words.*

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It is proposed that the Philological Association publish from time to time a register of new words. One advantage of such publication would be to direct seasonable attention to the words, and thus to bring to light the circumstances of their origin. Evidence of when and by whom they were first used might thus be saved from oblivion. The preparing of such an annual list would require the coöperation of numbers, and would accord well with the purpose of the Association.¹

"New words" means practically words not yet in any dictionary. Whoever meets a word in his reading not found with the right meaning in any dictionary accessible to him should copy the passage on a postal card, or on paper of that size. The word itself should be written plainly on the upper left-hand corner, and then the name of the author, the title of the book or journal, the date, with the page, and any other fact needed to verify the reference. These citations should be forwarded to a designated officer or committee of the association; such new words as seem worthy of acceptance to be printed with their authorities in the Proceedings.

The plan may be illustrated by the list of words given below. Some of its words would perhaps be excluded by more careful taste. Where an earlier or better example can be reasonably hoped for, the word and authority may be printed without the quotation, as under *boodler*. When examples of earlier use afterwards come in, the date, and in

¹ In accordance with Professor Brewer's proposition, the Executive Committee invite communications and contributions of the kind described above, as an experiment. All communications relating to the subject should be addressed to the Secretary, who under the direction of a sub-committee will edit the material furnished, and publish it from time to time in the Proceedings. — SECRETARY.

important cases, the citation itself, may be given, as under *belligerency*. The earliest example of *belligerency* which Murray gives is from a Boston newspaper in 1863. Words need not be defined when the meaning is plain in the quotation, but some, like *arbutus* and *bald*, may require a note to explain them. An adjective when first used as a noun, or a noun used as a verb, may be considered a new word; so also words which have a new sense should be sent in, and compound words when they need defining, like *biscuit-block* or *body-wood*. Words which have not been used in print should not be entered in the list. It may be worth noticing that one man speaks of a *clevel* of corn, and another of throwing a *darnic*, and a student of having to *bach* because of the high price of board. But printing is so easy now that it is well to wait for *bona fide* printed examples; albeit not every monstrosity christened by printer's ink can be accepted as a living word.

If the registering of words should meet with favor, the cards sent to the Committee might be preserved in a box in alphabetical order, as a card-catalog of new words. Any member could make a catalog of his own by pasting each printed citation of successive years on a small separate card. Or, if printed on thin paper, each citation might be pasted in the dictionary on the margin of the page where it belongs, or all together on fly-leaves at the end of the volume.

REGISTER OF NEW WORDS

(NOT FOUND IN MURRAY'S HISTORICAL DICTIONARY, 1888).

abeach 1888 F. MARION CRAWFORD *With the Immortals* xiv Dread not the reef, as with long sweep you send Your ship abeach!

abrim 1887 LIZETTE W. REESE *Poems* 42 And there a thorn-bush stood, Astir with bees, abrim with blossoms gay.

acolytic 1887 WM. F. WARREN in *N. Y. Independent* May 12 p. 6 His [the preacher's] two acolytic serving-lads were properly cuddled down in the narrow corners behind him.

adamantologist 1861 *Congregationalist* (Boston) The most profound adamantologist in the world is the Duke of Brunswick.

adorant 1888 *The Nation* 29 March 262 Behind him stands a woman, while in front is an altar with an adorant.

adreaming 1861 JAMES PHINNEY *The Sword and the Plow* The meadows as green as green could be, All sweeping down to the muttering sea, Adreaming on its bed.

- aflare** 1886 MARY N. MURFREE
In the Clouds xvii The flaming base of the opposite mountain, all luridly aflare in the windy dusk.
- aflighting** 1861 JAMES PHINNEY
The Sword and the Plow I watched the clouds above Aflighting through the blue.
- agrow** 1887 LIZETTE W. REESE
Poems 28 She stood and smiled. I did not know Which was the whitest thing in June, She, or that bush a-grow.
- aliveness** 1885 ARLO BATES *A Wheel of Fire* xii There's an air of—of—well, of aliveness about you that you don't have much nowadays.
- aloose** 1885 MARY N. MURFREE
Prophet of Smoky Mountains ii His shifting eyes . . . betokened but little anxiety for the Principle of Evil aloose in the Big Smoky.
- altitudinous** 1888 *The Advance* Nov. 29 p. 771 That building has already reached its thirteenth story. . . . Perhaps it will rest awhile before aspiring to any more altitudinous distinction.
- amatively** 1883 C. L. NORTON
in *The Continent* 17 Oct. 486 The practical jokers are indulging in their not always considerate devices, the amatively inclined making eyes at each other.
- anacolut** 1850 J. T. CHAMPLIN
Kühner's Latin Grammar remodeled 308 Anacoluts are of two kinds, grammatical and rhetorical.
- anacolutous** 1850 E. A. JOHNSON
Notes on Cicero, Manil. vii This sentence is anacolutous.
- apuff** 1888 T. MUNSON COAN
in *Harpers Young People* 3 Jan. 176 The hopeful youngster may be seen in the street, in all his pride, all apuff with cheap tobacco.
- aquirk** 1888 MARGARET E. DITTO
in *Harpers Young People* 24 Jan. 227 All the baby is alive with laughter: . . . his ten toes are all awork and aquirk.
- arbútus** [Note the accent] 1886 MARY E. VANDYNE *The Revolt of the Flowers* She was followed by Arbutus, Who cried, "It's jolly here; I'm sure 'twould never suit us, That world so cold and drear."
- ashimmer** 1886 MARY N. MURFREE
In the Clouds xiv It [a fir] was all a-shimmer with the frost.
- athetize** 1888 WALTER LEAF *The Iliad* ii 89 The line was athetized by . . . Aristophanes, but there is no obvious reason for its condemnation.
- atime** 1887 MARGARET E. DITTO
in *Harpers Young People* 27 Dec. 143 Christmas. Every purpose and plan of her little round was atune and atime to that promised joy.
- auditizing** 1888 JOSEPH JASTROW
in *Popular Sci. Monthly* Sept. 600 . . . persons who possess this "auditizing" power to an unusual degree . . . Mozart, who remembered the "Misere-re" of the Sistine Chapel after two hearings.
- avertive** 1888 *Home Decoration* N. Y. May 12 The chief measures are avertive and not necessarily expensive.
- awheel** 1888 FRED WILSON
in *Outing* for July An Irish Outing Awheel.
- bald** *sb* 1885 MARY N. MURFREE
Prophet of Smoky Mountains xv Only the immaculate whiteness of those lofty regions of the balds withstood the thaw.
- ballotorial** 1883 A. W. TOURGEE
in *The Continent* 17 Oct. 502 It proposed . . . to deprive those already voters of the ballotorial power.
- bassy** 1862 JOEL BENTON *The Humming Bird* in *N. Y. Independent* 12 June He hath no song: the bassy stir Of his wings' ceaseless mellow whirr Becomes his soul's interpreter.
- bedlamish** 1885 *The Buntling Ball* 48 Or is it a mere monomania, a bedlamish kind of caprice?
- [belligerency]** 1861 WM. H. SEWARD *Letter to Lord Lyons* 26

Dec. A judicial prosecution there in Admiralty which will try and decide the questions of belligerency, neutrality, contraband and capture.

beratement 1883 MARION HARLAND *Judith* xxiii She bent the energies of arm and tongue to her effort to help the horse up and to the salutary beratement of his owner.

betricked 1862 *N. Y. Independent* 9 Jan. Our flippant throng of betricked scribblers.

bewhimper 1887 GEORGE MEREDITH "To Children" in *Eng. Ill. Magazine* Dec. p. 184 He bewhimpered his welting, and I Scarce thought it enough for him.

blizzarded 1888 *The Independent* Feb. 16 Windy and blizzarded Chicago.

blizzardy 1888 *Iowa College News Letter* Jan. The almost unprecedented cold and blizzardy weather.

bonnetry 1861 W. H. RUSSELL *Letter to London Times* 19 Sept.

Crinoline, yellow shawls, pink and white dresses, wonderful bonnetry and very quaint booting.

boodler 1886 *Chicago Tribune* 18 Dec. p. 4.

boomish 1889 In *Boston Transcript* Feb. Quite a boomish feeling in the air as the days go on lengthening.

bumming 1880 JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS *Uncle Remus' Songs* You better come now ef you comin'—Ole Satun is loose en a bummin'—De wheels er distruckshun is a hummin'.

bunkies 1887 MRS. E. B. CUSTER *Tenting on the Plains* (Title of a picture) Pine tree Rattler, Tarantula, Scorpion, Horned Toad, Centipede, Our Bunkies.

buttercupped 1888 MRS. H. WARD *Robert Elsmere* xlv a wavering rainy light played . . . over the butter-cupped river meadows.